

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic communication apparatus including a first user-interface having at least three modes of operation, the apparatus including: first and second housing members each having a first surface and an opposite second surface, the first user interface being provided at the first surface of the first housing member; and a connecting mechanism for movably connecting the first and second housing members, wherein the position of the first and second members relative to each other determines a mode of operation of the apparatus such that, when the first and second housing members are connected and positioned together in a first closed position such that the second surface of the first housing member is closed toward one surface of the other housing member such that the user interface is accessible, the apparatus is in a first mode of operation of the user interface and when the first and second housing members are connected and positioned together in a second closed position such that the first surface of the first member is closed toward one surface of the other member such that the first user interface is inaccessible, the apparatus is in a second mode of operation of the user-interface.

2. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 1 wherein, when the first and second housing members are connected and positioned apart from each other in an open position, the apparatus

is in a third mode of operation of the user-interface in which the user-interface is active.

3. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic communication device according to claim 2 wherein, in the second mode of operation, the user-interface is inactive.

4. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the first user-interface is a display.

5. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic communication device according to claim 4 wherein the apparatus comprises one and only one display.

6. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising a second user interface at the first surface of the second member.

7. (Original) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the second user-interface is a keypad.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the third mode of operation is a fully operational mode of operation in which the first user interface is active.

10. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the first mode of operation is a standby mode of operation in which the first user interface is inactive.

11. (Currently Amended) A portable electronic communication according to claim 10 wherein the ~~display~~ first user interface is active in both the second and third modes of operation.

12. (Previously Presented) A portable electronic communication apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus is switched off in the second closed position.

13. (Original) A portable electronic communication device according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus is a mobile telephone.

14. (Original) A portable electronic communication device according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus is a personal digital assistant.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) A portable communication device comprising a first housing and a second housing, each housing comprising a first surface and a second, opposing surface, said first housing including a first user interface disposed in the first surface thereof, said device further comprising a pivot mechanism that permits the first and second housings to be pivoted between a first open position in which the first and second housings are connected to each other and are arranged generally end-to-end with each other, a first closed position in which the first and second housings are connected and the second surfaces of the first and second housings, respectively, face each other such that, in the first closed position, the first user interface is accessible, and a second closed position in which the first and second housings are connected and the first surfaces of the first and second housings, respectively, face each other such that, in the second closed position, the first user interface is inaccessible, wherein the device is in a first operational mode when in the first open position, in a second operational mode when in the first closed position and in a third operational mode when in the second closed position, means for automatically detecting when the device is in the first open position, the first closed position, or the second closed position, and means for automatically entering the corresponding mode responsive to the means for detecting.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Previously Presented) A portable communication device according to claim 17 further comprising means for enabling a user of the device to select at least the second and third operational modes.

28. (Previously Presented) A portable communication device according to claim 17 wherein the first user interface is a display and is active in the first and second operational modes and inactive in the third operational mode.

29. (Previously Presented) A portable communication device according to claim 17 further comprising a second user interface disposed in the first surface of the second housing such that, in the first closed position, the second user interface is accessible, and, in the second closed position, the second user interface is inaccessible.

30. (Cancelled).

31. (Cancelled).

32. (Cancelled).

33. (Previously Presented) A portable communication device according to claim 29 wherein the first user interface is a display and is active in the first and second operational modes.

34. (Previously Presented) A portable communication device according to claim 29 wherein the second user interface is a keypad and is active in the first operational mode and inactive in the second operational mode.

35. (Original) A portable communication device according to claim 34 wherein the first and second user interfaces are inactive in the third operational mode.